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Today's Topics:

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 26 Oct 1993 01:27:20 GMT
From: koriel!newscast.West.Sun.COM!abyss.West.Sun.COM!sunspot!myers@ames.arpa
Subject: DON'T End It All Now, Please ...
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article D2C@news.Hawaii.Edu, jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff Herman)
writes:

>
>But Mike, it is the code exam that is the major challenge, not the written
>exams. I added if the code requirement is ever deleted, THEN we had better
>replace it with something to fill the void, such as beefed up written exams.
>And you can't be serious with what you stated in your last sentence! Just by
>guessing someone could pass a multiple choice exam; try 'guessing' on an
>essay-type test.

I'm afraid I don't understand your factual basis for claiming the code exam
is the major challenge. I think you might be stating an opinion of yours
as a fact. Certainly, for some people, the code tests are the major challenge,
while others find the written tests to be more difficult.

Code tests may be given as a multiple choice exam, too. In other words, a code test is no more difficult to guess your way through than a written exam. I'm not really concerned about how hard or how easy I think any particular test is, since there will always be people that have different opinions as valid as mine. I'm concerned about what value does each test offer in achieving the goals of the amateur service.

I've become convinced that the higher speed CW tests are of small and diminishing value to the US Amateur Service. Of course, this *is* my opinion.

Furthermore, unless you've upgraded recently, I see you have a General class license. If the code test was the major challenge, why haven't you upgraded to Advanced class yet, since only a written exam on radio theory is required?

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* This Extra supports the abolition of the 13 and 20 WPM tests *

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Subject: GAY & QST
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <2wmuBc2w165w@micromed.com> brett@micromed.com (brett miller) writes:
>
>If you were truely Hams first, and gays second, you would not wish to
>offend the majority of that group you claim to be part of, by placing
>solicitations for gays and lesbians in Ham magazines.

Maybe I'm missing something. Why would anyone be offended by a gay person or an add for a gay radio club? Clubs are for people with like interests. Advertising in QST seems like a logical way to recruit members.

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Subject: Getting my license. Do I want to be like this?
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lapin@casbah.acns.nwu.edu (Gregory Lapin) writes:

> In article <DVFuBc1w165w@mystis.wariat.org>,
> Dan Pickersgill N8PKV <dan@mystis.wariat.org> wrote:
>
>>But for an American ham to get access to (almost all) voice privileges
>>on HF, he/she must pass a 13WPM code test (or 20 WPM)! Could it be that
>>CW (as a mode) is just not conducive to extra words/comments/etc. CW as
> ^ (c)
{some deleted}
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>
> One advantage of phone operation over CW (or other digital modes) is that
> you don't have to worry about spelling and punctuation. :-)
>
> Greg Lapin KD9AZ

Hey, I'm a computer programmer. Why would I need to know how to SPELL!

(Besides that, sometimes I type too fast...) :-)

(Thank GOD I don't have a .edu in my address! Well, this address
anyway!)

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Date: 26 Oct 93 14:55:47 GMT
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Inflation
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In rec.radio.amateur.policy, kchen@apple.com (Kok Chen) writes:

>>Hey, I wore my tie at the club talk I gave for you guys. Of course,
>>there have been SOME clubs that have not been impressed with my
>>tie at all. (Dan?) :-).

>Sheesh, ARRL! Surely a national organisation can afford to

>pay their folks enough so they can afford more than one necktie!

We could if more people joined ... :-) :-).

>Ed wrote "my tie" instead of "a tie," leading me to believe that
>a single necktie is all he owns. I am sure he has lots of cable
>ties.

Well, let me tell you a tale! Once upon a time, back in my hippie days (about 3 years ago, or so! -- see QRP Classics or January, 1990 QST), I did only own one tie. Unfortunately, it was not a tie that would be considered appropriate for anything other than to send a message that one really doesn't want to wear a tie! My boss told me that it did indeed send a message -- "fire me!"

Well, times change -- my last haircut (entirely an accident!) was short enough for me to be a Marine in boot camp, and I suddenly developed a fondness for ties. I now own about a hundred, both new and "vintage." (Driving my family a bit crazy, btw.) There is a thin line between what one can and cannot get away with in a business environment -- most of my neckties sit right on that line. (tee, hee). After going through a period where I wore them every day, the novelty wore off. Now, the only time I wear one is at a club talk or Technical Forum at an ARRL Convention. It has become a tradition.

Of course, there are some here in New England that are trying to start another Ed Hare/tie tradition, but I will leave that tale for THEM to tell!

73 from ARRL HQ, Ed

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The opinions expressed in electronic communication do not necessarily represent ARRL policy, but I can probably get in trouble for them anyway.

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Subject : Re: GAY & QST

Jeff Herman (jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu) wrote:
: In article <CFGyA3.KsL@ucdavis.edu> ez006683@othello.ucdavis.edu (Daniel D.
Todd) writes:

: >
: >Gee Rod lets see if I have this right, a majority of the ARRL members
: >think that the ARRL should do something illegal and this obliges the ARRL
: >to commit this illegal act?

: Speaking of illegal, isn't sodomy still illegal in many states? I've asked
: this before: why should the ARRL be forced to advertise nationally a
: group that condones an act that is illegal in many of the states that the
: magazine will be sold?

Again this is like saying it won't advertise mobile VHF rigs which tune
out of band because such radios are illegal in some states. Or how about
this one, since a large portion of straight hams perform sodomy the ARRL
shouldn't publish QST at all because it condones heterosexual behavior.
(If you didn't understand the above statement please read any of the
sodomy laws, they don't just pertain to anal sex some even include any
sex outside of marriage).

: And how did this subject sneak into .policy from .misc (unless this news-
: group also covers ARRL policy...).

Beats the heck out of me!

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* I do not speak for the University of California.... *
* and it sure as hell doesn't speak for me!! *

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Subject : Re: DON'T End It All Now, Please ...

rcrw90@email.mot.com (Mike Waters) writes:

>Unfortunately the FCC statistics don't support you! More people fail the
>theory tests than fail the CW tests!

Since there are more theory tests than there are code tests, naturally
there will be "more" theory failures than code failures.

The actual statistic to examine is the pass/fail rate as a ratio, not as
a sum.

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Subject : Re: GAY & QST

rcanders@nyx.cs.du.edu (Mr. Nice Guy) writes:

>If you don't like your teenaged son running around with a group that
>drinks and smoked you are discriminating against drinkers and smokers.
>Isn't it reasonable for some people not to want associate with gays
>because they consider their behavior immoral ?

This is a legitimate thought. It would appear that many groups, through
the concept of "political correctness", are attempting to take away our
freedom of association.

For instance, I have a friend who is a devout Catheloc(sic?). He
honestly believes that homosexuality is wrong, based upon his religion.

Why should he be forced to associate with homosexuals? To force him to do so violates HIS freedom of association, as well as freedom of religion.

I happen to want my children to be brought up in a drug-free atmosphere. I would object to a drug pusher purchasing the house next to me. For that matter, I would have objections to renting an apartment to a drug pusher. Basically, if someone is a convicted drug pusher, I don't want them near my family.

According to the homosexual community's definition of a ~~###~~-phobe, I'm a pusher-phobe. I happen not to like zucchini. According to them, I'm a zucchiniphobe, and should seek counseling for my "irrational" dislike of zucchini.

Basically, they are attempting to politically "legitimize" their lifestyle as "normal", and force me to accept it. I think their actions are equivalent to a farmer forcing me to "like" zucchini simply because "he" grows it, and its "normal".

Clearly, this attitude is complete bullshit. Next thing you know someone will be telling me that I should have my daughter attend public school so that she can experience what it is like to learn in a war-zone, otherwise the school bullies will not have a helpless girl to pick on, and that's just not FAIR to the school bullies, who are people too, and just have a natural, genetic need to assert a leadership role over fellow schoolchildren in a violent manner.

Many forms of discrimination have been made on the basis of personal characteristics which one cannot change. For instance, blacks have long been discriminated against simply because their skin is a different color. When members of various portions of my ancestral background came to this country, they were discriminated against based upon their heritage. While I think that these items are foolish to discriminate on, what you and I consider trivial may be worlds apart. Someone may think that blacks are savages, and I happen to believe that that is their right, no matter how stupid or close-minded it may seem. If that person wants to start a private club advocating that position, I see nothing wrong with it. If someone wants to open a department store that caters just to black people, because all whites are oppressive european-male pig-dogs, that's fine too.

The role of the government is not to enforce people's concepts of what is "correct" to think upon others. The government should not be telling me that my beliefs are "wrong". Imposing your opinions through government doesn't work. Instead, it simply breeds

resentment. Dismissal of stereotypes (which, BTW, are another totally "normal" thing for humans to do, as it is beyond the comprehension of people to individually consider that there are billions of people on the Earth - its easier to classify them together as "orientals", "blacks", etc., and assign group classifications, e.g. stereotypes, to each group...) through education is the key to "acceptance".

The government's role instead should be to insure that all of us have equal opportunity to discriminate. Groups advocating revocation of black civil liberties because they are not "people", but "savages", certainly have the right to believe that, but the government's position should be to insure that everyone has the right to voice their opinion. If you don't like what someone is saying, don't listen to them. Nobody is forcing you.

If LARC wants to exist, that is their right. But the ARRL does not have an obligation, in my opinion, to provide them with a soapbox.

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